

Applicant:

MATSUKAWA et al.

Docket:

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Title:

MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

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 Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under of pending prior international application Number PCT/JP02/06344, filed on June 25, 2002, entitled MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, which designated the United States.

1.  Enclosed is the application as follows: 89 pages of specification, 14 claims, 1 pages of abstract, 6 sheet(s) of drawing(s).

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

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<b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b> 14	-20	0	x \$18.00	0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b> 3	-3	0	x \$86.00	0.00
			<b>BASIC FILING FEE:</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL FILING FEE:</b>	<b>770.00</b>

2.  Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

4.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

5.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/ JP02/06344, filed June 25, 2002, pending."
6.  declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 is enclosed.
7.  A set of formal drawings (6 sheets) is enclosed.
8.  An Assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., Recordation Form Cover Sheet, and fee of \$40.00 is enclosed.
9.  Priority of foreign application number 2001-192217, filed on June 26, 2001 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).  
 The certified copy is enclosed.
10.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11.  Also Enclosed: Communication Regarding Publication, Application Data Sheet, 6 pages
12.  Return postcard

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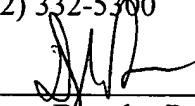
Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests that Figure 3 be printed on the front page of the published application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 371-5237.

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